

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 13-25 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-25 (canceled)

Please add the following new claims 26-42.

26) (New) A software method for defining and e-commerce and portal system, comprising the steps of:

connecting a product user e-commerce screen to the Internet

generating a product display corresponding to a product on the product user e-commerce screen based upon a option variable question;

determining if a XSD is present for the generated product;

generating the option question based upon the XSD.

27) (New) A software method for defining and e-commerce and portal system as in claim 26, wherein the XSD defines a title of data input.

28) (New) A software method for defining and e-commerce and portal system as in claim 26, wherein the XSD includes a width of the screen.

29) (New) A software method for defining and e-commerce and portal system as in claim 26 wherein the XSD includes a height of the screen.

30)(New) A software method for defining and e-commerce and portal system as in claim 26, wherein the XSD includes a title of the screen.

31) (New) A software method for defining and e-commerce and portal system as in claim 26, wherein the XSD includes a format of a prompt question.

32) (New) A software method for defining and e-commerce and portal system as in claim 26, wherein the XSD includes a data input error.

33) (New) A software method for defining and e-commerce and portal system as in claim 26, wherein the XSD includes an edit rule.

34) (New) A software method for defining and e-commerce and portal system as in claim 26, wherein the XSD includes an error message.

35) (New) A software method for defining and e-commerce and portal system as in claim 26, wherein the XSD includes product option questions.

36) (New) A software method for defining and e-commerce and portal system as in claim 26, wherein the XSD includes crosschecking between option selections.

37) (New) A software method for defining and e-commerce and portal system as in claim 26, wherein the XSD includes a minimum valid value for another element of the XSD.

38) (New) A software method for defining and e-commerce and portal system as in claim 26, wherein the XSD includes a minimum inclusive element.

39) (New) A software method for defining and e-commerce and portal system as in claim 26, wherein the XSD includes a minimum exclusive element.

40) (New) A software method for defining and e-commerce and portal system as in claim 26, wherein the XSD includes a maximum inclusive element which includes a high boundary limit which may be reached.

41) (New) A software method for defining and e-commerce and portal system as in claim 26, wherein the boundary includes a maximum exclusive element which includes a high boundary limit which may not be reached.

42)(New) A software method for defining and e-commerce and portal system as in claim 26 wherein the XSD includes a pattern element to specify a regular expression pattern of another element of the XSD.